

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590



REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

June 11, 2012

Mr. Clarence L. Smith, Manager
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Division of Remediation Management
Bureau of Land
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is to notify you that EPA approves of the Final Remedial Action Completion Report for Source Area 7 Hot Spot Soil Removal at the Southeast Rockford Site. Soil excavation for off-site disposal began on December 15, 2010, after approval of an Explanation of Significant Differences on May 3, 2010. After backfilling the excavation with clean topsoil, site grading was completed on June 17, 2011. EPA has reviewed the Source Area 7 Hot Spot Soil Removal Remedial Action Completion Report, dated April 2012, that was submitted by IEPA. EPA approves of that document and considers this portion of the Source Area 7 remedy complete.

Congratulations on the successful completion of this portion of the SE Rockford site remedy. I look forward to our working together to complete the remaining elements of the site remedy.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Short Jr., Chief,

Remedial Response Branch #2